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Engineers fail to check quality of concrete slabs used to cover drains resulting in these structures either disintegrating or just caving in at several locations in the city; pedestrians who traverse these tricky trails just walk with a prayer on their lips

WE ARE JUST A HOP, SKIP & JUMP AWAY FROM A BIG FALL

Walk through Halasuru, Shivajinagar, Vasanthnagar is perilous task

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As if the troubles pedestrians face in the city were not enough, they are now also having to deal with the fallout of poor quality concrete slabs to cover up the roadside drains. At some spots, the concrete slabs are uneven, while at many others they are either set to lose structural integrity or to fall into the drain in pieces.

Bangalore Mirror took a stroll through Halasuru, Shivajinagar, Jalakanteswara Ward, Vasanthnagar and other areas and this is our conclusion: Pedestrians beware while walking on the footpaths over drains as there is no guarantee that the ground beneath your feet won't give way.

A few concrete slabs placed on the roadside drain near Halasuru Bus Stop and Sri Subramanya Swamy Temple are broken and need to be replaced immediately. It is not for the first time that concrete slabs have caved in at Halasuru. A pedestrian had in fact fallen here in February 2023. "It is shocking to see the drain covered with substandard concrete slabs. Two concrete slabs need to be replaced with new ones to prevent people from falling into the drain. The Bengaluru Central

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"The contractor concerned, in a hurry to complete the drain work, might have used concrete slabs that have not been cured in water for seven to 14 days. It is the responsibility of the engineer concerned to check the quality of the slabs — Contractor

Crash & bang

Accidents have claimed 258 lives so far in almost 30% spike in numbers this year as compared to last

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Road fatalities in Bengaluru have increased by nearly 30% in the first quarter of 2026 compared with last year. Data from Traffic Police shows that between January and March this year, 258 deaths were recorded. Last year, the number of fatal accidents in the given period was 198. In 2024 and 2023, the city recorded 234 and 243 deaths from road accidents, respectively.

Experts blame damaged footpaths, bad roads, inadequate traffic signage, and reckless driving for the growing number of crashes.

Traffic expert MN Sreehari says the bad state of footpaths in Bengaluru is one of the prime causes of road accidents and fatalities. Broken slabs, discontinuous curbs, encroachment, and obstacles such as trees, food carts, and parked vehicles make city footpaths unusable for pedestrians, pushing them into fast-moving vehicular traffic, leading to accidents.

"More often than not, people can be seen walking on roads with heavy vehicular traffic, risking their lives. Footpaths should be free of all obstacles and inconvenience.

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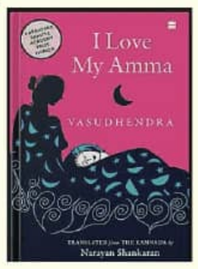
THINGS TO DO

01 Magical moment

Candlelight® by Live Your City returns to Bengaluru this season, offering audiences intimate evenings where thousands of glowing candles transform venues into immersive settings for unforgettable live music experiences. **Where: Alliance Française de Bangalore; When: May 17, 4.30 pm, 6.30 pm, 8.30 pm**

02 Emotions on paper



Atta Galatta is bringing an evocative discussion on I Love My Amma, a collection of essays that serve as a tender, funny and deeply moving tribute to mothers and the complex bonds shared with them. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: May 15, 6 pm**

03 Evening full of tales

ALT EFF Film Club is presenting a lineup of 4 short films, each bringing its own flavour of environmental storytelling, followed by ALT EFF Voices, an open mic where audience members share short, personal, environment-related stories. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: May 15, 7 pm**

04 Sing it out

Indiranagar SOCIAL will host She-nanigans, a women-only karaoke night featuring Bengaluru's popular KJs Tanya and Prashanth, with sing-alongs, dance-offs, complimentary drinks and signature food and community vibe. **Where: Indiranagar SOCIAL; When: May 15, 8 pm**

05 Boredom busters

The Oterra Hotel is hosting a Kids Carnival Brunch, bringing a vibrant world of cartoon legends and superhero adventures. While parents enjoy a premium spread, children can dive into interactive games, live performances and more. **Where: The Oterra Hotel, 24@43, Electronic City; When: Every Sunday until May 31**

Digital bridge brings rights within reach

State introduces online platform enabling app based gig workers to file complaints on wages, benefits and working conditions, aiming to improve transparency and accountability

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In a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country, the state government has taken another major step towards strengthening the rights and welfare of gig workers by launching a dedicated digital grievance redressal platform for them. After drawing national attention for introducing a law focussed on the welfare and social security of gig workers, the state government has now operationalised a specialised online system aimed at addressing the concerns of lakhs of app-based workers across the state.

The Karnataka Gig Workers Welfare Board, in collaboration with the e-Governance Department, has developed the Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System (IPGRS) portal. Through this platform, gig workers employed by app-based aggregators and technology companies can register complaints related to wages, leave benefits, working conditions and other employment-related issues. Once a complaint is filed, it will automatically be forwarded to the concerned company for resolution within a stipulated timeframe.

Officials said the portal is expected to function as an official bridge between lakhs of gig workers and the technology platforms they work for, while also improving transparency and accountability in the rapidly expanding gig economy. A senior official said, "The initiative marks the first concrete step towards ensuring grievance redressal and protection of workers' rights in the gig economy. All major platforms must eventually integrate with the IPGRS system to ensure smoother functioning of the sector."

Portal is expected to serve as formal link between gig workers and the technology platforms they work for (File photo)

According to officials, companies such as Namma Yatri and Yulu have already integrated their Internal Dispute Resolution Committees (IDRCs) with the government portal. Discussions are currently underway with several major companies, including Amazon and Flipkart, to bring them onto the platform.

Under the Karnataka Platform-Based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2025, all app-based transport, delivery and service providers, including companies such as Ola, Uber, Swiggy, Zomato, Amazon and Flipkart, will come under the ambit of the law. One of the key provisions of the legislation mandates that aggregator companies contribute one per cent of their total turnover as a welfare cess for gig workers. The cess collection will officially come into force from July 1.

The funds collected through this mechanism will be used for insurance coverage and welfare schemes for gig workers. As part of the proposed benefits, workers will receive insurance coverage of up to Rs 4 lakh in case of accidental death. Those who suffer permanent disability in accidents will be eligible for compensation of up to Rs 2 lakh, while hospitalisation expenses up to Rs 1 lakh may also be reimbursed.

The Act also makes it mandatory for every aggregator company to establish an Internal Dispute Resolution Committee. Complaints submitted through the IPGRS portal will be automatically routed to the respective company's grievance committee, and strict timelines will be enforced for resolving disputes.

Officials said around 12 lakh active gig workers' details have already been shared through various platforms. However, since many workers operate across multiple apps simultaneously, there is a possibility of duplicate entries. To address this, the government plans to assign a unique identification number to every gig worker and eliminate duplicate records through software integration.

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The welfare board is also working on framing future welfare schemes based on several factors, including the nature of work, number of working hours and the type of platform workers are associated with. Experts and specialised institutions are expected to assist in drafting these welfare programmes before they are placed before the Board for approval. Gig workers seeking registration, compensation or other assistance can contact the labour department helpline at 155214.

State to host large-scale Yoga Day celebrations

The Government of Karnataka is gearing up for large-scale celebrations of the 12th International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2026, with an estimated 25 lakh participants expected across the state. Marking the 12th edition of the global observance, the theme this year is 'Yoga for Health, Knowledge and Global Peace' aligned with guidelines issued by the Ministry of AYUSH.

The state-level main event will be held at Vidhana Soudha, where around 5,000 yoga practitioners will participate in a mass demonstration from 6 am to 8 am, following the Common Yoga Protocol. The programme will be inaugurated by the Governor of Karnataka, with participation expected from the Chief Minister, ministers, legislators, officials, yoga gurus and public figures.

A 100-day countdown campaign is already underway, featuring awareness drives, competitions and institutional collaborations. Special thematic programmes have been planned, including 'Vijnana Yoga' at Indian Institute of Science (IISc), 'Carcino Yoga' at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, and 'Cardio Yoga' at Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research in Mysuru. The Department of AYUSH has also initiated national-level social media competitions, expected to draw over one lakh participants, alongside school-based contests engaging more than 25,000 students. Across districts and taluks, awareness programmes and daily yoga initiatives under 'Nitya Yoga' will promote year-round practice. With coordinated efforts from state departments and AYUSH institutions, Karnataka aims to transform Yoga Day into a people's movement focused on holistic health and community participation. **— BMB**

No fuel in bottles or cans, IOC warns petrol bunks

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has instructed petrol bunks not to dispense petrol or diesel into bottles or cans, warning dealers of strict disciplinary action if the rule is violated. The move follows growing concerns over fuel availability due to tensions in the Middle East and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent appeal urging citizens to use petrol and diesel judiciously. IOC has told all its outlets to supply fuel only to vehicles, not to customers carrying loose containers. The company also warned that if any instance of fuel being dispensed into bottles or cans surfaces in photos or videos, action will be taken against both the fuel station staff and owners. Following the directive, several petrol bunks have begun displaying boards stating, "No petrol or diesel in bottles or cans. Fuel only for vehicles." **— BMB**

3,000-year-old Stone Age burial site found near Yelahanka

Indian Archaeologists and history researchers discovered remnants of a Stone Age burial site believed to be around 3,000 years old at Sadenahalli village near Yelahanka. The discovery occurred during a field study conducted by historian M Narendra along with a team led by Karnataka History Academy Secretary K Dhanpal and researcher Dr Vivekananda Sajjan.

Researchers identified more than 20 circular stone burial structures at the site; some graves were constructed using over 40 stones arranged in circular formations. Smaller burial structures were also found in the area. Based on the elevated terrain and surrounding geographical features, experts believe the location may once have housed early human settlements that used stone structures for burials. **— BMB**

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Safer school streets ahead under K'taka's new rules

Strict speed limits near schools and right-of-way rules mark stronger protection for pedestrians under Karnataka's revised road safety framework

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In a major policy shift aimed at making roads safer for pedestrians and cyclists, the Karnataka government has notified the Karnataka Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2026, introducing strict design standards, mandatory safety audits and heavy penalties for violations affecting non-motorised road users. The new rules seek to address growing concerns over unsafe roads, shrinking footpaths and increasing accidents involving pedestrians and cyclists across urban centres, particularly Bengaluru.

Under the amended rules, road safety audits are now compulsory during planning, construction and maintenance of roads. Authorities have been directed to prioritise pedestrians and cyclists while designing roads, signalling a shift away from vehicle-centric urban infrastructure. Detailed standards have been prescribed for footpaths, pedestrian crossings, cycle tracks, bus stops, and school zones.

As per the rules, every road category, including arterial, sub-arterial and local roads, must scientifically integrate pedestrian pathways and cycling infrastructure. Footpaths must have a minimum width of 1.5 metres, uninterrupted access, adequate lighting and disabled-friendly features such as tactile tiles and ramps. Officials clarified that reducing pedestrian space during road expansion can only be considered a last resort.

School zones will enforce lower speed limits for safer pedestrian movement

School zones will see stricter enforcement, with vehicle speeds capped at 25 kmph. Motorists must stop at zebra crossings and give the right way to pedestrians. Drivers overtaking cyclists must maintain a minimum distance of 1.5 metres. Cyclists, meanwhile, must install white front lights and red rear lights for improved visibility.

For daily commuters, the announcement comes as long-awaited recognition of challenges faced on city roads. "Most footpaths in Bengaluru are either broken, occupied by parked vehicles or completely encroached upon. Walking even short distances feels risky every day," said Priya Gowda, a resident of Jayanagar.

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Cyclists also welcomed the move, saying dedicated infrastructure has remained absent despite growing interest in sustainable mobility. "People want to cycle, but roads are intimidating. Vehicles brush past dangerously close, and cycle tracks disappear midway or are used for parking," said Arun N, a cycling enthusiast who rides daily from Indiranagar to Whitefield. "If these rules are implemented properly, it could genuinely change commuting habits in the city," he added.

Tough action

The government has introduced stringent penalties for violations involving pedestrians and cycling infrastructure. Driving or parking vehicles on footpaths and cycle tracks is prohibited. First-time offenders will face a fine of Rs 1,000, while repeat offences may attract Rs 5,000. Authorities can additionally impose Rs 1,000 per day for continued violations. The amendment also places accountability on civic agencies and officials. If poor road design, maintenance lapses or violations lead to death or serious injury of pedestrians or cyclists, agencies could face penalties of up to Rs 1 lakh.

Urban mobility experts say success depends on enforcement. "India has no shortage of road safety policies. Challenge has always been execution. If agencies consistently remove encroachments and enforce penalties, Karnataka could become a model for pedestrian-friendly infrastructure," said an expert. Citizens can also report unsafe roads and violations through grievance mechanisms.

Government eases B-Khata to A-Khata conversion

"Namma Khate, Namma Hakku" campaign promises doorstep support for smoother property documentation across Bengaluru

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Wednesday announced that property owners seeking conversion of B-Khata properties to A-Khata status can complete the process by paying a 2 per cent fee for 100 days. He said the fee, usually fixed at 5 percent of the guidance value, has been reduced under a special scheme introduced by the State government. Applicants submitting required documents within the announced period will be eligible for the reduced rate.

He explained that under the existing system, owners of property valued at Rs 1 crore were required to pay Rs 5 lakh for conversion, but under the revised structure the amount will come down to Rs 2 lakh. The deputy CM said that the government launched "Namma Khate, Namma Hakku" to provide property documentation services to residents across Bengaluru. According to him, the initiative aims to cover nearly 23 lakh property owners through doorstep delivery and assistance. He said around 16 lakh properties are A-Khata with approved plans, tax records and title documents, while nearly seven lakh properties remain under B-Khata category across city limits. — BMB

Govt withdraws 2022 uniform order, allows hijab in schools

The Karnataka government has withdrawn its February 5, 2022, order on school uniforms and issued fresh guidelines on Wednesday allowing students to wear limited traditional and customary symbols, including hijabs, alongside prescribed uniforms in educational institutions across the state. In a government order issued on May 13, 2026, under the Karnataka Education Act, 1983, the state government said all government schools, aided institutions, private educational institutions, and pre-university colleges may continue to prescribe and enforce uniforms in accordance with institutional requirements and government directions. However, the new order permits students to wear "limited traditional and customary symbols" along with the uniform, provided such symbols complement the uniform and do not alter or defeat its purpose.

The order specifically mentions items such as turbans, sacred threads (janivara), Shivadhara, Rudraksha beads, headscarves or hijabs, and other similar customary symbols. It clarified that these should not obstruct discipline, safety or student identification. The government further directed that no student should be denied entry to educational institutions, classrooms, examination halls or academic activities for wearing such permitted traditional or customary symbols along with the prescribed uniform.

At the same time, the order stated that no student should be compelled either to wear such symbols or to remove symbols permitted by the government. Authorities may, however, enforce national or state-level dress code regulations during examinations where necessary. The government emphasised that implementation of the order must remain uniform, secular, non-discriminatory and in line with constitutional values. — BMB

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Crumbling stretch

BTM Layout

A section of 7th Main Road in BTM 2nd Stage has caved in, creating a hazardous stretch that poses serious safety risks to both motorists and pedestrians.

Traffic snarl

Rajajinagar

The narrowed stretch near a metro station and Parijatha Gateway in Rajajinagar has created a traffic bottleneck, while missing footpaths and a closed metro exit have disrupted pedestrian movement.

Broken footpath

BTM 2nd Stage

The damaged footpath on 16th Main Road in BTM 2nd Stage has become unsafe for pedestrians, raising safety concerns and requiring immediate repair.

Gold bar worth Rs 3.55 L recovered in burglary case

Jayanagar police have cracked a theft case reported on July 30 last year, recovering 30 grams of stolen gold bullion worth Rs 3.55 lakh on May 8.

According to police, the incident occurred when a resident of 6th Block, Jayanagar, had stepped out to a shop. During this time, miscreants broke into the house and stole two gold chains and a gold pendant kept inside a cupboard.

Acting on leads received on May 4, Jayanagar police arrested a woman near Kalasipalyam Bus Stand in connection with the theft case. During interrogation, she confessed to the crime and revealed that the stolen ornaments had been sold to a broker near Poornima Theatre on Lalbagh Road.

Investigations showed the ornaments had been melted into a 30-gram gold bar. Police subsequently recovered the bar from the broker. The accused has since been remanded to judicial custody as per court orders. —BMB

Five killed in separate road accidents across Bengaluru

Five persons lost their lives in separate road accidents reported from different parts of Bengaluru and nearby areas on Tuesday night and early Wednesday.

In the first incident, Shekar (28), a resident of Neeleri village, was killed after a speeding car allegedly rammed into his scooter near Devanahalli Kote Cross on NH-44, under the limits of the Devanahalli Traffic Police Station, on Monday night. Based on a complaint filed by Vinay Kumar, the deceased's brother-in-law, Devanahalli traffic police have registered a case and launched an investigation.

In the second incident, Arun Kumar (26), a native of Virajpet in Kodagu district, was killed after a rashly driven canter vehicle allegedly crashed into his motorcycle near Biocon Metro Station on Hosur Road around 1.30 am. He suffered severe injuries and died on the spot. Another accident was reported under the same jurisdiction during the early hours of Wednesday. Ram Kishan (60), a resident of Ibbalur in Anekal, was killed after a speeding vehicle allegedly hit his scooter near the Hebbagodi bus stand around 6.15 am. The Electronic City traffic police have registered separate cases in connection with both incidents and further investigation is underway.

In another incident, a 40-year-old man, identified as Mahesh, lost his life after being hit by an unidentified vehicle near Chappardakallu Junction on Bengaluru International Airport Road at around 9.30 pm on Tuesday. In a separate hit-and-run case, a 30-year-old man, identified as Padam, was killed after a speeding unidentified vehicle crashed into his motorcycle on the Kunigal–Nelamangala Road at around 1 am. Police have launched an investigation into the incidents. —BMB

Theft case cracked, culprit found to be jailed already

Officials from the Ramamurthynagar Police Station have seized 70 grams of gold ornaments and a car used in a burglary, together valued at Rs 35 lakh. One suspect has been arrested in connection with the case. According to police records, the incident was reported by a resident of Bhuvanagiri Park, who stated that his house was broken into while he was away on business in Mysuru. Gold and silver articles were stolen from a cupboard during the burglary.

Investigations revealed that the accused was already in judicial custody for a separate case registered in Indiranagar. During interrogation, he admitted to selling the stolen jewellery to a shop in City Market and handing over the car used in the crime to a friend in Hyderabad.

Based on the information provided by the accused, the police recovered the ornaments from the shop on May 7 and on May 11 the accused was remanded back to Central Prison as per court orders. —BMB

Woman lands in ICU due to suspected adulterated vapouriser

A 28-year-old woman was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) after allegedly consuming an adulterated vape product purchased from a food outlet at VV Puram Food Street. VV Puram police have registered a case against the owners and staff of Darshi Kitchen.

According to the complaint filed by Kumar U, he and his wife, Chandini, visited the establishment near Sajjan Rao Circle on April 23, 2026, at around 8.30 pm. During their visit, they allegedly purchased and consumed a vape product sold by the hotel before returning home.

The following morning, Chandini reportedly developed a severe sore throat and her health deteriorated rapidly. Kumar immediately shifted her to Ramaiah Hospital, where doctors admitted her to the ICU for treatment. Her condition is said to be under medical supervision.

In his complaint, Kumar alleged that the incident occurred due to the sale of adulterated or unsafe consumable products by the outlet. He held the owners and workers of Darshi Kitchen responsible for his wife's condition and sought strict legal action against them. Police have begun an investigation into the incident. —BMB

All work & no pay: ASHAs seek resolution to long-pending woes

Frontline health activists decry neglect, demanding timely payments, restored services and recognition, fair wages, lasting govt accountability

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Hundreds of ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers from Bengaluru urban and rural regions staged a protest at Freedom Park on Wednesday

Hundreds of ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers from Bengaluru urban and rural regions staged a protest at Freedom Park on Wednesday, demanding resolution of long-pending issues including arrears in honorarium, delayed incentive payments, and the fixation of a minimum monthly honorarium of ₹10,000.

The demonstration, organised under the Karnataka State United ASHA Workers' Union affiliated with AIUTUC, witnessed participation from hundreds of frontline health workers who expressed strong anger over what they described as continuous neglect by the government. Protesters alleged that despite years of service in the public health system, their financial and operational concerns remain unresolved.

Addressing the gathering, Karnataka State United ASHA Workers' Union vice president Rama TC said ASHA workers across the state are facing severe hardship due to irregular payments. She noted that honorarium and incentive payments have not been released on time for the past year. According to her, central government incentive payments are pending for three to four months, while state honorarium payments are delayed by one to two months.

She further alleged that several incentive components linked to programmes such as TB and other health initiatives have remained unpaid for years. In many cases, payments are either partially reduced or not disbursed despite the work completed by workers. Workers also claimed that issues raised at district and taluk levels are often redirected to the state level without any resolution, leaving them in prolonged financial distress.

Rama also raised concerns over the disabling of nine ASHA-related services in the ASHA Nidhi software system, which she said could result in a monthly loss of ₹500–₹1,000 for each worker. She stressed that these services are essential for maternal and child healthcare and have remained part of ASHA responsibilities for years.

"If our demands are not fulfilled, we will intensify our agitation at a larger scale," she warned.

City ASHA leader Mahalakshmi said workers have dedicated years of service to community health with little recognition or consistent financial security. "We have worked with our blood and sweat for society's well being. Every time we have to struggle for our rightful payments. The honorarium is not charity, it is our earned right," she said.

The protesters submitted a detailed list of demands, including immediate release of pending central incentives and state honorarium, restoration of disabled services in the ASHA Nidhi system, clearance of long-pending component payments, and stoppage of deductions from incentives. They also demanded withdrawal of mandatory app based entry, retirement benefits, adequate salaries for ASHA facilitators, and talks with union representatives immediately.

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Eye on encroachment of govt land meant for civic amenities

The Yelahanka Tahsildar directed the Assistant Director of Land Records to conduct a land survey at Narasipura near Vidyaranyapura and prepare a detailed report on the alleged encroachment of government land meant for civic amenities.

"You have to conduct a land survey to identify the government kharab land at Narasipura village of Vidyaranyapura. It is alleged that government land measuring one acre and five guntas, bearing Survey Number 1, has been encroached upon by private individuals. KH Chandrashekhar and others lodged a complaint with the Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Special Court stating that the government land has been encroached upon. I want you to send a detailed report to my office before the next hearing of the petition scheduled for May 25," the circular reads.

Residents of Vidyaranyapura urged the government to recover the land worth crores of rupees and utilise it for constructing a hospital, police station or post office.

"The land measuring one acre and 15 guntas bearing Survey Numbers 1, 5 and 6 is meant for civic amenities. I want the government to recover the land and use it for the construction of a hospital or a police station, as the existing police station is situated inside Vidyaranyapura instead of at a prominent location," said KH Chandrasekhar, one of the complainants.

Expressing a similar opinion, Shashank, a resident of Marappa Layout, alleged that land mafia has been active in the area and government land is grabbed using fake documents. — BMB

Sacred thread removal: Bail to exam staffers

A Bengaluru sessions court has granted bail to three examination staff members who were arrested after allegedly asking a student to remove his sacred thread, or janivara, before entering a Karnataka CET examination hall.

The LXII Additional City Civil and Sessions Court observed that taking "excessive action" in such cases could create fear among examination authorities and staff responsible for conducting future exams. The accused — Sudhakar, Saritha and Girijamma spent more than 15 days in judicial custody before securing bail.

In its May 11 order, the court said incidents arising out of misunderstanding or lack of awareness should not be handled in a way that intimidates officials involved in conducting examinations. Judge Raghavendra S Channabasappa observed that harsh action in comparatively minor matters, especially where there were no allegations of physical violence or serious misconduct, could affect the smooth and fair conduct of examinations in future.

The court also criticised the magistrate court for rejecting bail without properly considering the facts of the case. It noted that two of the accused were women and public servants with family responsibilities, while the third accused was also a public servant.

According to the court, the investigating officer issued notices to the accused on April 24, a day after the complaint was filed, and completed the arrest process in haste before producing them before the magistrate. The sessions court observed that the procedure appeared inconsistent with the Supreme Court guidelines laid down in the Arnesh Kumar judgment regarding arrests and remand.

IN HIGH COURT

The complaint was filed by the father of a student who appeared for the K-CET physics examination at a private college in Koramangala on April 23, 2026. The student was allegedly instructed by the staff to remove his janivara before entering the examination hall. — BMB

E-Khata roadblocks cleared for decree holders

The Karnataka High Court has ruled that municipal authorities cannot deny issuance of e-khatas to decree holders or court-appointed commissioners merely because the application was not submitted by the original owner or judgment-debtor, easing a major hurdle in property registrations arising from civil court decrees.

Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum issued a set of guidelines aimed at resolving procedural delays that often prevent successful litigants from registering properties awarded through court decrees. The court heard a case involving Tumakuru resident P.S. Ashok Kumar, whose property registration authorities allegedly rejected in August 2025 due to the absence of an e-khata, even though a court commissioner acting under a civil court order had presented the documents.

The court observed that similar disputes had repeatedly come before it, exposing a systemic gap where administrative authorities, instead of facilitating enforcement of judicial orders, obstructed them. It noted that civil courts already possess sufficient powers to enforce decrees, including appointing court commissioners when judgment-debtors refuse to cooperate.

However, difficulties arise during registration as authorities often insist on e-khatas while simultaneously refusing to issue them either to decree holders or commissioners. According to the court, this creates a procedural stalemate that allows judgment-debtors to deliberately evade compliance and frustrate decrees, particularly in cases involving specific performance of property agreements.

Ruling eases registration hurdles, protecting decree holders

The High Court warned that such practices effectively reduce judicial decrees to "mere paper decrees" and undermine the rule of law. Stressing the need for effective enforcement mechanisms, the court said local bodies and registration authorities cannot adopt a hypertechnical approach that defeats rights granted through judicial orders. The court said judicial intervention became necessary due to the absence of a proper administrative framework and clear guidelines. — BMB

RCB takes on attack mode in rain-drenched match

Virat Kohli and Jacob Bethell took the attack route immediately as Royal Challengers Bengaluru began their chase of 193 against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in Match 57 of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium in Raipur on Wednesday.

Kartik Tyagi gave RCB an early blow by dismissing Jacob Bethell in the fourth over, but Devdutt Padikal kept the momentum going.

It was Angkrish Raghuvanshi's fluent 71 and Rinku Singh's unbeaten 49 that powered KKR in the rain-delayed match. On a pitch where the odd ball kept low, KKR's innings was anchored by Raghuvanshi, who hit seven fours and three sixes in his 46-ball knock coming at a strike-rate of 154.35.

He stitched partnerships of 68 and 76 not out with Cameron Green (32) and Rinku, who hit three fours and two sixes in his unconquered 29-ball vigil.

Raghuvanshi kept finding boundaries at regular intervals and ensured the scoreboard was ticking. Though Green was not at his fluent best, Rinku's finishing flourish lifted KKR past 190. RCB, meanwhile, were sloppy in the field with several misfields, and their bowling lacked bite. Though Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Josh Hazlewood, and Rasikh Salam Dar picked a wicket each, none could stem the flow of runs consistently.

Sent in to bat first, KKR lost opener Finn Allen early after Bhuvneshwar Kumar found his outside edge and was snapped by Jitesh Sharma in the third over.

Ajinkya Rahane looked promising by hitting three boundaries and a six, but gave a top edge to Hazlewood off his own bowling for 19. Raghuvanshi then took charge, striking cleanly through the off-side and over mid-wicket.

He found an able partner in Green, who contributed 32 with three fours and a six before being castled by a skiddy delivery from Rasikh in the 13th over.

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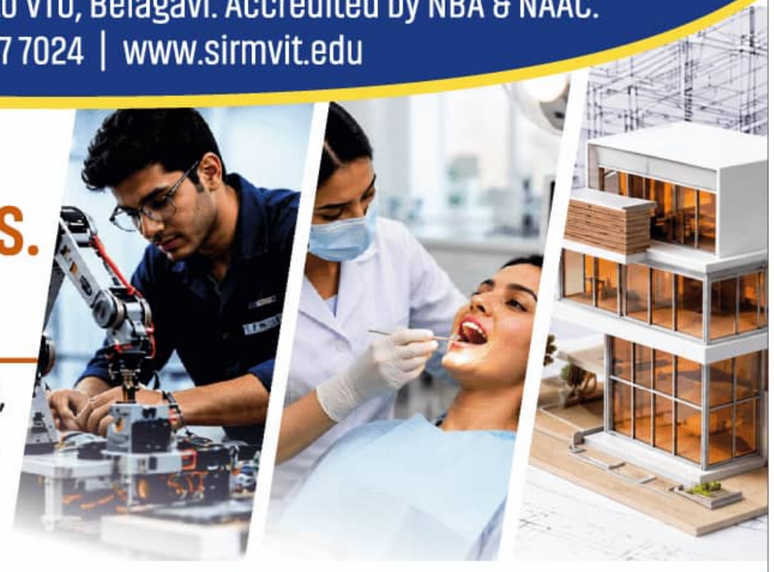

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Traffic police need more boots on the ground

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Although it will be expensive, every footpath should be barricaded so pedestrians do not share roads. Moreover, traffic police should bring back the old culture of public awareness campaigns," said Sreehari.

Mobility experts also underline that there is a massive imbalance between the number of staff in the traffic police force and the explosion of private vehicles on the city's roads. The ratio of traffic cops to vehicles in the city is astonishingly low, which might be contributing to the lack of safety.

While traffic polive have been using technology as a stopgap infrastructure, experts say the police force on the ground should be strengthened.

Notably, the traffic police has over the last few years brought in advanced technology for the detection of violations by AI cameras. The majority of violations registered by the city traffic police are through contactless enforcement. The contactless enforcement involves automated detection of violations by AI cameras (ITeMS) without human intervention. It includes Digital Field Traffic Violation Reports (FTVR) and crowdsourced data from social media. This method leverages evidence-based digital enforcement to streamline compliance and enhance efficiency in managing traffic violations.

Experts also pinpoint low density of traffic signs on the city's roads that compromise road safety, leading to increased risk of accidents.

"The density of traffic signs on Bengaluru's roads is not up to the mark. These signs should be installed at strategic locations so drivers have adequate time to react. However, citizens also need to drive more responsibly. Most of the road accidents involve drivers of younger age groups. Making the driving license test stricter will help reduce fatalities," said a city-based expert.

Authorities urged to act fast to avoid mishaps

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City Corporation (BCCC) engineers must avoid using such sub-standard material in their work," said Purushotham P, a pedestrian.

Coming down heavily on the authorities concerned for not supervising the developmental works, Ashok Naidu, another pedestrian, said that he was shocked to see weak slabs on the drain. "No vehicles are parked on the drain-cum-footpath. It is purely for pedestrians to walk. What to say when the concrete slabs cannot withstand even the weight of pedestrians?" he asked.

Expressing concern about the pathetic condition of footpaths, Maria Hussain, a social activist from Shivajinagar, said that the condition of the footpaths that

were developed recently is far from satisfactory. "A few footpaths at Shivajinagar and Vasanth Nagar are in bad condition. The authorities concerned must fix these footpaths immediately. Concrete pavers have caved in on a few footpaths thus causing inconvenience to pedestrians," said Hussain.

A contractor explained to Bangalore Mirror why this happens. According to him, concrete slabs cave in because they haven't had proper water curing.

"The concrete slabs are supposed to even withstand vehicles such as cars and two-wheelers. The contractor concerned, in a hurry to complete the drain work, might have used concrete slabs that did not have water curing for seven to 14 days. It is the responsibility of the engineer concerned to check the quality of the slabs," the contractor said.

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 # Voight's emotional plea
Angelina Jolie's reported move abroad leaves father Jon Voight emotional over their strained relationship

Alia's Cannes moment

Social media divided after Alia Bhatt's awkward Cannes interaction goes viral

Alia Bhatt made her second appearance at the Cannes Film Festival in a peach-pink couture gown that drew praise online. However, a viral red-carpet clip sparked debate after some photographers appeared distracted while Alia posed.

In the video, Alia was seen waving and smiling before turning towards nearby mobile cameras after noticing the situation. The clip quickly triggered mixed reactions on social media. While some users criticised the moment as "embarrassing", others defended the actor and said judging someone's popularity from a short clip was unfair.

Despite the online chatter, many viewers praised Alia for handling the situation gracefully.

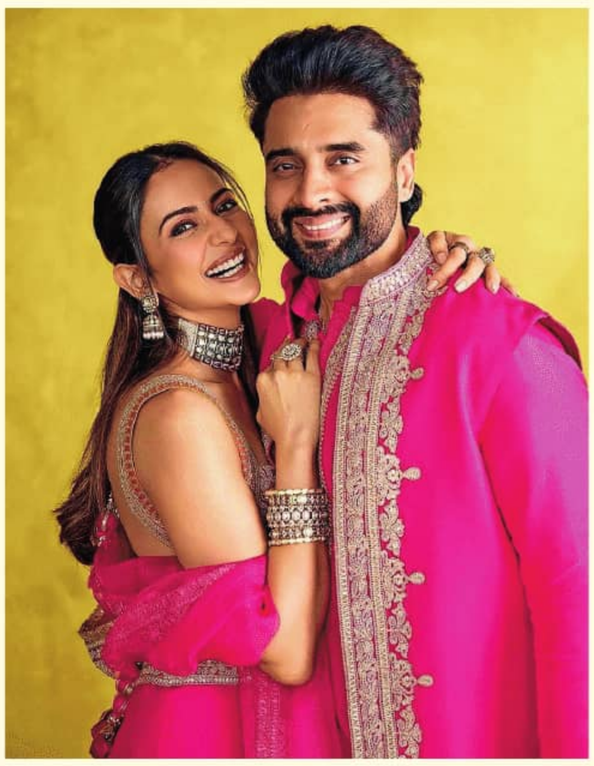
Her soft-glam look also received appreciation from fashion enthusiasts. The gown featured a structured strapless bodice with a sweetheart neckline and plunge detail.

On the work front, Alia will next be seen in Alpha, Yash Raj Films' first female-led spy action film. **—ETimes**

Rakul breaks silence on remark

Rakul Preet Singh recently addressed the viral controversy surrounding husband Jackky Bhagnani calling their marriage a "situationship" during an interview.

The remark gained attention online, leading to speculation about their relationship. Rakul later clarified that the comment was made jokingly and taken out of context.



In an interview with India Today, she said people focused only on one line from the conversation while ignoring the overall discussion. Rakul added that both she and Jackky were joking during the interview and never intended the statement to be taken seriously.

The controversy began after Jackky said, "Rakul and I are married, but we are in a situationship," while explaining their strong communication and friendship.

Rakul also shared her views on modern relationships, saying people should never marry due to societal or age pressure.

The couple dated for nearly three years before tying the knot in Goa in February 2024.

—ETimes

Aditi's cats steal spotlight

Aditi Rao Hydari recently featured in a campaign for SHEBA alongside her cats, Iggy and Ollie, and opened up about her bond with them.

Aditi said she grew up surrounded by pets but realised cats require a different kind of affection. According to her, earning a cat's love takes patience, intention and mindful care. She added that mealtimes with Iggy and Ollie have become moments of connection rather than routine.

The actor also shared that feeding them has noticeably changed their behaviour, making them more attentive and affectionate.

Speaking humorously about life at home, Aditi said the cats "run the house", while she and husband Siddharth are merely "designated treat dispensers".

She added that introducing Sheba cat food has helped make mealtimes more enjoyable and balanced, joking that their home now revolves around "love play, not power play".

—ETimes

Sandalwood mourns Dileep

Actor Dileep Raj, known for his work in Kannada television serials and films, died of a heart attack in the early hours of Wednesday. He was 47 and is survived by his wife and two daughters.

He was last seen in the recent hit film Love Mocktail 3, where he starred opposite Shwetha R Prasad as part of a lawyer couple.

Dileep Raj gained recognition for playing the antagonist in Puneeth Rajkumar's 2007 hit Milana. He began his career in television before making his Sandalwood debut with Boyfriend in 2005.

Apart from acting, he also backed a few television productions. Over the years, he appeared in several Kannada films, including Orchestra Mysuru, U Turn, Tony, Minchagi Nee Baralu, Ambi Ning Vayassaayto, and Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve Javaabdaararu.

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Hero turns director

Actor Agasthya, who made his debut with the Kannada film Jotheyagi Hithavagi in 2025, is set to turn director with Dinchak Dinchak.

He will both direct and play the lead role in the film, which is currently in pre-production.

Agasthya said the film targets youth and family audiences, revolving around a youngster aspiring to become an influencer despite opposition from his parents. The story highlights how fame and glamour are temporary while blending comedy, sentiment, and teenage issues.

Hailing from Belagavi, Agasthya said he had been passionate about films since childhood and had previously made short films. He added that the title Dinchak Dinchak would connect well with Gen Z and Gen Alpha audiences.

Anand Raj Vikram will compose the music, while Abhirek Krishna will handle costumes. The film is being backed by Sriratna Film Company.

Sainya returns

Former editor SK Sunil Kumar is making his directorial debut with the Kannada children's film Makkala Sainya, which is scheduled for release on May 22 across Karnataka.

The director said the film focuses on friendship, adventure, father-daughter bonding, and traditions. He expressed confidence that the film would match the standards of the 1980 classic Makkala Sainya. According to him, the child artistes have delivered performances comparable to seasoned actors.

Shot in and around Akkihebbal near KR Pete, the film features lyrics by veteran writer Doddarange Gowda and music by Sanny Raj. Muniswamy has backed the project and also worked as associate director.

Sunil Kumar said Kannada children's films such as Simhada Mari Sainya, Putani Agent 123, Valavaara, and Puppy had performed well commercially, adding that Makkala Sainya has the potential to become one of the best films in the genre.

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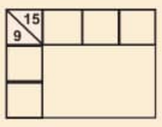

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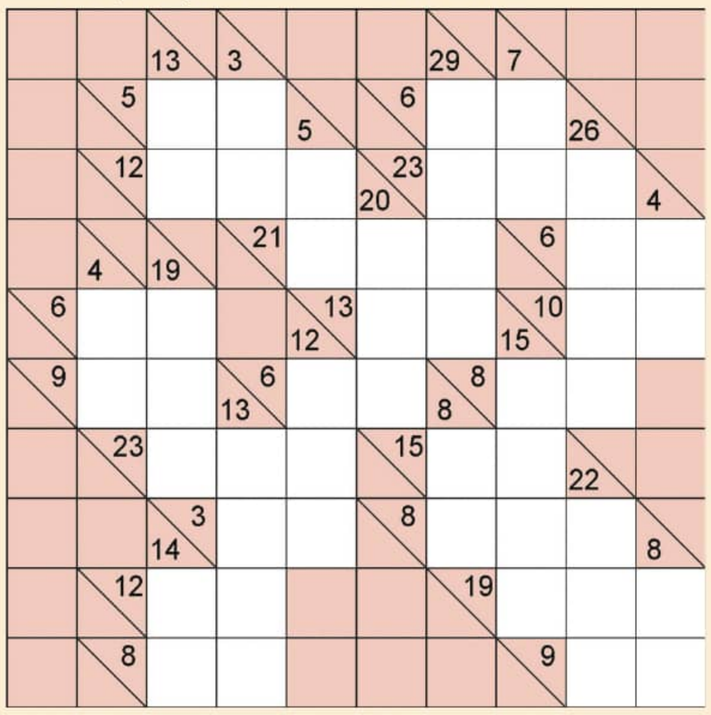

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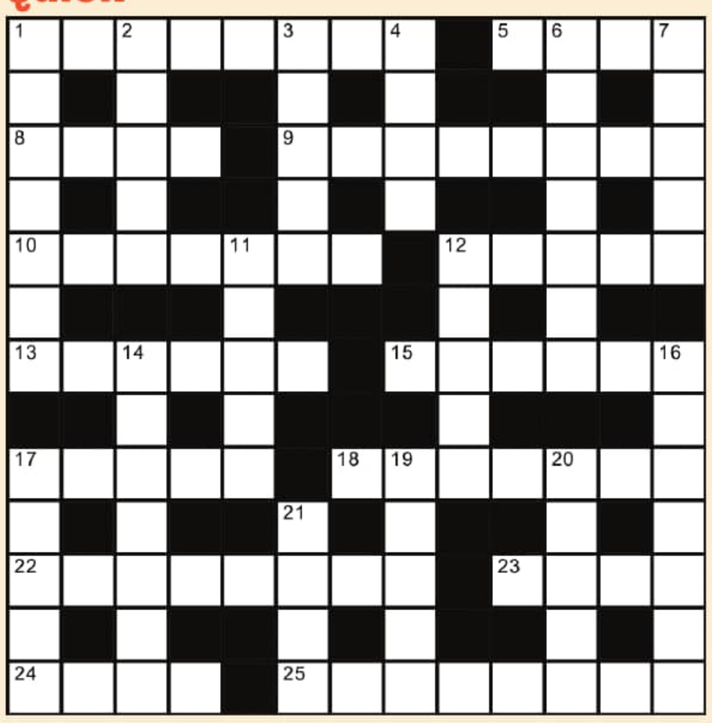

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12 A catty comment? (5)
13 Falls near Rajiv Gandhi National Park (6)
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17 Military student (5)
18 Midwest US state (7)
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1 __ Hills : a group of mountains in Southern India (7)
2 Speed (at sea) (5)
3 Go or come in or into (5)
4 Famous school (4)
6 Order or instruct (7)
7 Scatter about (5)
11 Computer data (5)
12 Heap, hillock (5)
14 Experience (7)
16 Wandering about aimlessly (7)
17 Locked up (5)
19 Inland river of northern NSW (5)
20 Name in violins (5)
21 Something frail (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: D EQUALS G

GELZ ORLEGLZM P FZSHGOPW HRBPKTEYPQGZ SEYQORPKO-ER EB HRAZWMKPRAORD PRA YOMHRAZWMKPRAORD.

Linemaro

Aren't you tired? You've been marching through my mind all day

Mindchow

Like the measles, love is most dangerous when it comes late in life

Joke of the day

What is a harp but an over-sized cheese slicer with cultural pretensions?

Loop

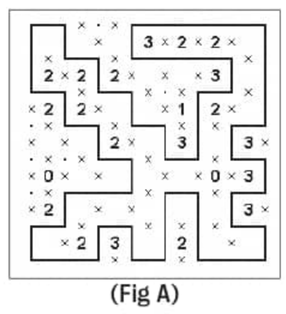
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

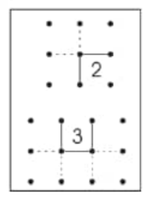
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

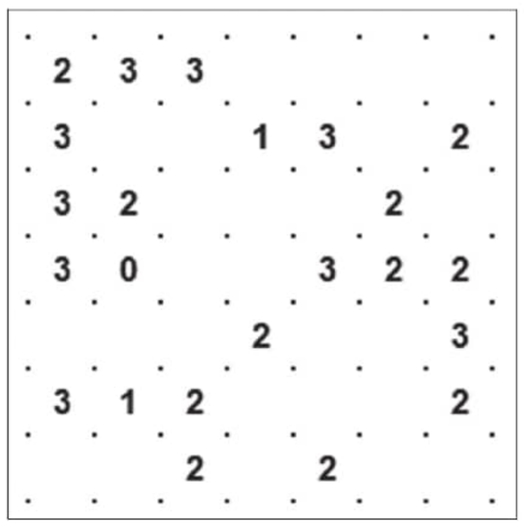
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



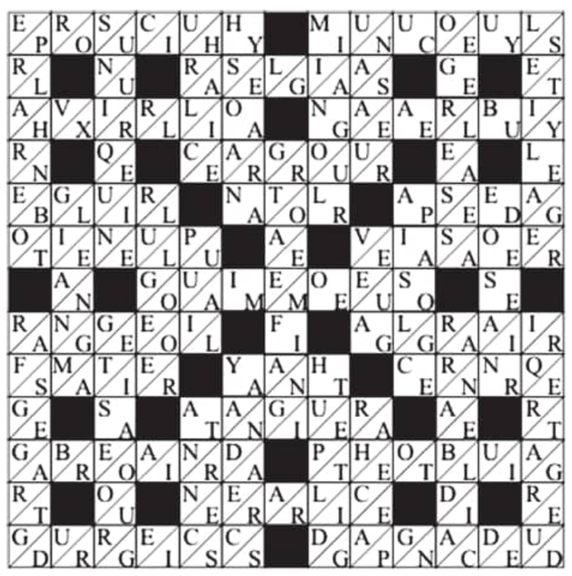
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4 D	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Dense; 6 A Juno; 7 Neeps; 8 Me EEC; 9 Stead

DOWN

1 Aspen; 2 Mean E; 3 CE jet; 4 Do e'en; 5 Sues D

Mensapuzzle

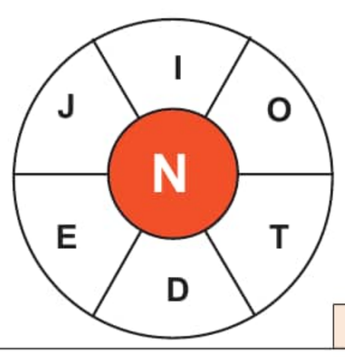
What goes in the empty box?

W	B	4
C	U	9

N	L	5
S	F	1

Z	Q	7
T	I	

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

13 Average; 15 Good; 17 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	7		8			6		
2							4	
3	1		9		4			
		2		6				4
	5		7		1		6	
7				3		2		
			1		5		3	6
	3							5
		7			6		2	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 7

4 8 6 5

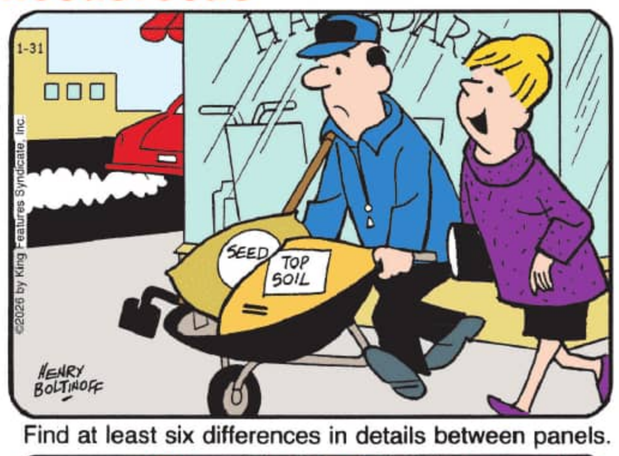
Medium = 11

4 4 9 2

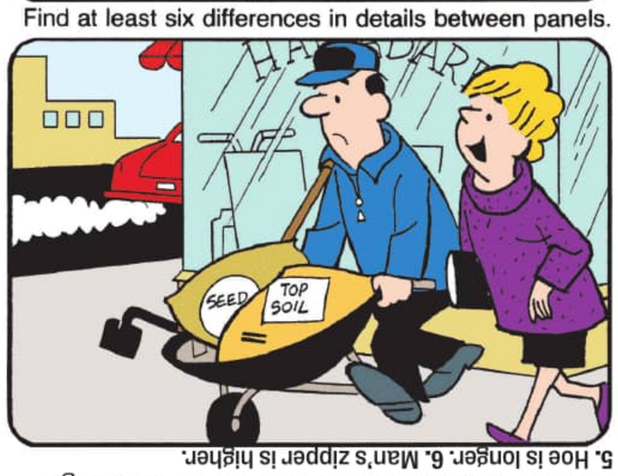
Hard = 18

2 6 6 9

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Label on bag is moved. 2. Wheel is different. 3. Woman's hair is different. 4. Foot is larger. 5. Hoe is longer. 6. Man's zipper is higher.

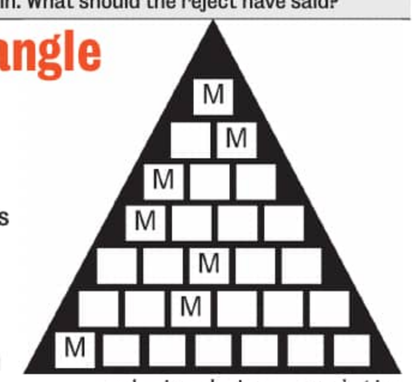
Riddler

A man wanted to get into a members only club so he hid and watched the guard at the door of the club house. The guard said a number to each member as they approached, and the member would respond with a number of their own. If the member responded with the correct number they were let in. If they responded incorrectly they were thrown out. One member came up to the door, the guard said twelve, and the member responded with six and was let in. Another member came to the door, the guard said six and the member responded with three and was let in. Believing he had heard enough, the reject went up to the guard. The guard said ten, and the reject said five, but was not let in. What should the reject have said?

Alpha triangle

1 One thousand
2 I think therefore I
3 Chap
4 Primary
5 Urchin
6 Supplying weapons
7 Borders

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.



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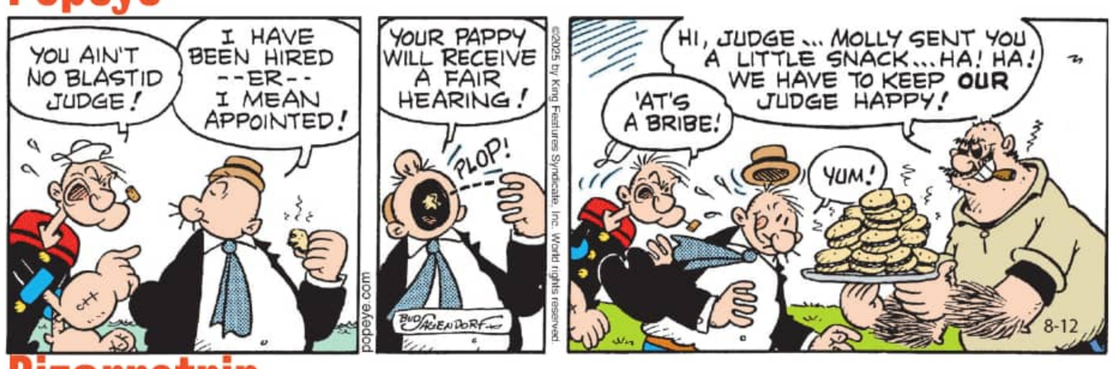
YOU AIN'T NO BLASTID JUDGE!
I HAVE BEEN HIRED --ER-- I MEAN APPOINTED!
YOUR PAPPY WILL RECEIVE A FAIR HEARING!
PLOP!
HI, JUDGE ... MOLLY SENT YOU A LITTLE SNACK...HA! HA! WE HAVE TO KEEP OUR JUDGE HAPPY!
'AT'S A BRIBE!
YUM!
8-12
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Diamond Lil

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THERE'S NO SHORE IN KANSAS CITY
THAT'S WHAT MY CAPTAIN SAID AT THE DISCIPLINARY HEARING
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Hart of the city

PHILLY MIDDU
COSTUME 3
CAFF 1
MAKEUP 4
STAGE
WE'RE NOT DOING TOO BAD. FOURTH IN MAKEUP REPLICATION, THOUGH.
SORRY, GUYS.
LAUREN, FOURTH PLACE IS NOTHING TO SNEEZE AT!
WHAT IS DIRECTOR MARCIA TALKING ABOUT? I'M NOT SICK.
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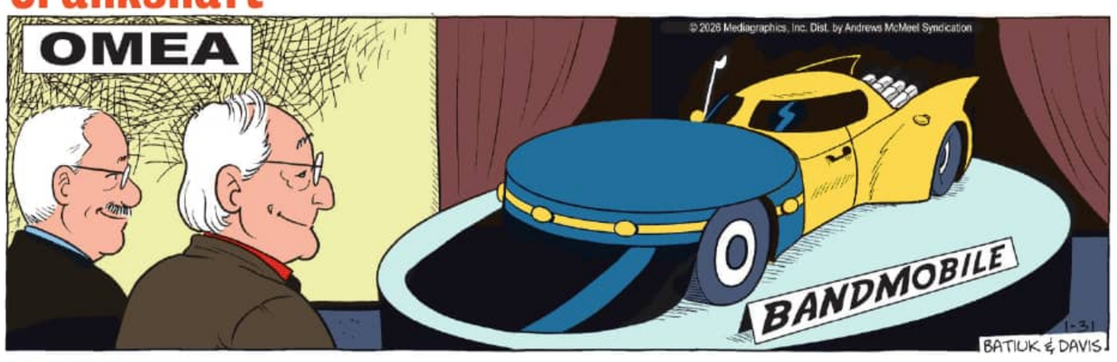

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Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Shift your focus from outcomes to the process, allowing creativity and curiosity to guide you. When you release pressure and follow your inner direction, progress feels lighter and more aligned.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Stay grounded in your path and trust that unseen progress is unfolding. By letting go of over thinking and allowing things to develop naturally, you invite ease, clarity, and rewarding opportunities.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Release control and focus on what you do best, trusting that everything else will align. By allowing space for support and surprises, you create smoother progress and more fulfilling outcomes.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You are capable and supported, so reassess your commitments and release what feels unnecessary. By creating space for joy and connection, you can restore balance and feel more aligned.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Turn inward and focus on emotional fulfillment, allowing yourself to simplify and release unnecessary pressures. By creating space and clarity, you can reconnect with what truly brings meaning.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Let go of past burdens and open yourself to support and new energy. By creating space within and around you. You invite clarity, healing, and brighter opportunities into your life.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Express your needs clearly and prioritise self-care, recognizing its importance in sustaining your journey. By taking time to recharge and honour yourself, you create balance and long-term fulfillment.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You are gaining clarity and learning to embrace what truly fulfills you. By releasing guilt and fully accepting your desires, you empower yourself to move forward with confidence and purpose.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Your intuition is guiding you strongly, so create space to nurture it. By reducing distractions and staying balanced, you can align your energy with your purpose and unlock new opportunities.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Allow yourself to rest and receive, recognizing that balance is essential. By stepping back and recharging, you can restore your energy and return stronger, more focused, and ready to move forward.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Embrace self-acceptance and create alignment by simplifying your life and thoughts. By listening inward and building meaningful connections, you can create a life that feels authentic and balanced.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Trust your heart and creative instincts, allowing yourself to move beyond limitations. By staying open and receptive, you invite meaningful experiences and emotional fulfillment into your evolving journey.

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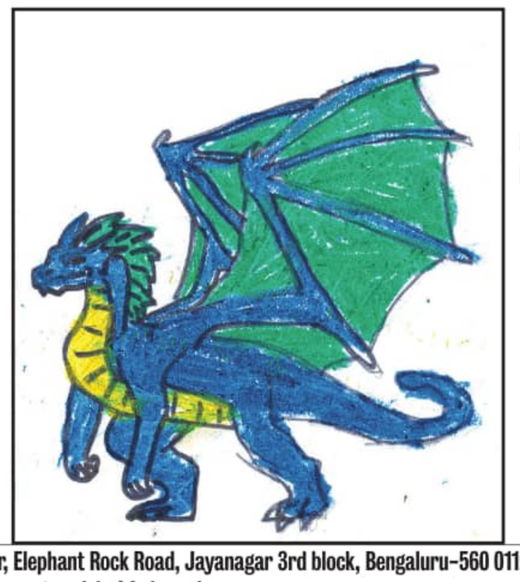

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
9+3x3=
9+9=
18

RIDDLER
He should have said three, the number of letters in the number the guard said.

FAST FIVE

N	E	E	D	S
A	N	J	O	U
P	E	E	N	S
E	M	C	E	E
S	A	T	E	D

QUOTE UNCODE
Love involves a peculiar unfathomable combination of understanding and misunderstanding.

STRIKE OUT

P	O	U	C	H	Y	■	M	U	C	O	U	S		
L	■	N	■	A	E	G	I	S	■	G	■	T		
N	■	Q	■	E	R	R	O	R	■	E	■	L		
A	X	I	L	L	A	■	N	E	A	R	B	Y		
L	■	N	O	R	■	A	S	E	A	■	■	■		
E	L	U	L	■	N	O	R	■	A	S	E	A		
T	I	E	U	P	■	A	■	V	I	S	O	R		
■	A	■	G	U	M	M	O	U	S	■	S	■		
A	N	G	E	L	■	I	■	G	L	A	I	R		
F	A	I	R	■	A	N	T	■	E	R	N	E		
E	■	A	■	A	N	G	E	R	■	A	■	T		
A	B	O	A	R	D	■	P	H	O	B	I	A		
R	■	U	■	E	E	R	I	■	I	■	■	R		
D	U	R	E	S	S	■	D	A	N	C	E	D		

MENSA PUZZLE
2. In each diagram, add the numerical values of the four letters and write the two digit answer down the right hand column.

BULL'S EYE
dent, dine, dint, done, into, join, joined, joint, JOINTED, node, note, noted, tend, tine, tined, tone, toned

QUICK

D	O	O	R	■	P	O	I	N	T	I	N	G		
E	■	G	■	■	S	■	O	■	T	■	■	N		
G	E	R	A	N	I	U	M	■	S	A	R	I		
A	■	E	■	W	■	A	■	M	■	M	■	M		
C	A	D	E	T	■	I	N	D	I	A	N	A		
■	■	N	■	U	■	■	■	N	■	■	■	O		
I	R	U	P	P	U	M	U	R	D	E	R	■		
R	■	■	■	N	■	■	O	■	N	■	■	■		
I	N	S	P	I	R	E	■	M	I	A	O	W		
L	O	O	P	■	T	■	N	■	M	■	■	E		
I	■	N	■	N	■	T	W	O	T	I	M	E	R	
N	A	K	E	D	E	V	E	■	I	C	E	S		

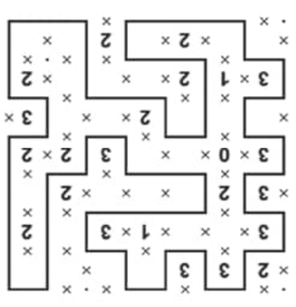
SUDOKU

9	7	4	8	5	2	6	1	3
2	8	5	6	1	3	9	4	7
3	1	6	9	7	4	5	8	2
1	9	2	5	6	8	3	7	4
4	5	3	7	2	1	8	6	9
7	6	8	4	3	9	2	5	1
8	2	9	1	4	5	7	3	6
6	3	1	2	8	7	4	9	5
5	4	7	3	9	6	1	2	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
M, Am, Man, Main, Gamin, Arming, Margins.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 4 + 5 − 8 = 7
Medium
4 + 2 + 9 − 4 = 11
Hard
6 / 2 + 6 + 9 = 18

LOOP



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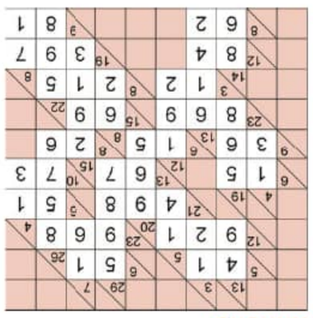

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